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Identical letters dated 19 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In the capacity of the State of Qatar as the Chair of the thirty-fifth session of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, I transmit herewith a copy of the message of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to the Riyadh conference on Yemen on 19 May 2015, delivered by Mr. Abdul Latif bin Rashid al-Zayani, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

We thank the Lord for enabling you to participate in this Conference in your second country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This Conference was convened at the request of His Excellency Mr. Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi Mansour, President of the Republic of Yemen, and is being held under the auspices of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

This Conference comes at a crucial time not only for Yemen, but the entire region. You have chosen to defy danger in order to attend this Conference. You have come to represent the Yemeni people and set a course that reflects the will of that fraternal people.

We should like to congratulate you all and, through you, the Yemeni people on your great achievement, namely, the outcomes of this Conference. We are confident that your solidarity and the persistence and determination you have demonstrated in your efforts to chart Yemen's future will, with the grace of God, enable the Yemeni people to enjoy security and stability.

It is clear to all that Saudi Arabia and the States members of the coalition attach great importance to and are extremely concerned at the situation in Yemen. Their concern is born out of the historical and fraternal ties that bind our peoples.

Saudi Arabia is hosting this Conference at a critical and historical moment. This Conference is extremely important as it brings together the various components of Yemeni society, who have come here bearing the hopes of the Yemeni people for understanding and reconciliation, with a view to building a modern State, bolstering the foundations of peace and dialogue, and achieving security and stability in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia and the States members of the coalition responded immediately and quickly to the request of the legitimate Government of Yemen, represented by President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi Mansour, to rescue Yemen and protect its people and legitimacy, in accordance with the principle of self-defence, and to safeguard the achievements attained pursuant to the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and its implementing mechanism, and the outcomes of the All-Inclusive National Dialogue, which are supported by Security Council resolution 2216 (2015). This is why we are so concerned at the situation in Yemen and desirous of maintaining that country's sovereignty, territorial integrity, Arab character and independence. We do not wish to see it become a threat to or a source of instability in the region, or a sponsor of terrorism. Accordingly, we launched Operation Restoring Hope, which we hope will help to bring together all brothers and friends in the effort to achieve stability and will pave the way for the start of development work in Yemen.

In keeping with our desire to improve the situation of Yemenis who are present on an irregular basis in Saudi Arabia, we have ordered the competent authorities to regularize their status and allow them to work, so as to ease their burden and enable them to make a decent living alongside their people and brothers. We shall also

continue to provide and facilitate the delivery of relief and humanitarian assistance to the Yemeni people. We have furthermore ordered the allocation of the funds required to facilitate the return of displaced Yemenis to their homes.

The entire world is awaiting the implementation of the outcomes of this blessed Conference. Your responsibility before history and the trust that has been placed in you obliges you to make every effort to achieve the hopes and aspirations of the Yemeni people.

In conclusion, we assure you that Saudi Arabia will continue to stand by the Yemeni people as it strives to regain, God willing, its natural status in the Arab world.

I ask God to grant you success and guide your efforts, and to bring stability and prosperity to Yemen, for it is He who bestows that and is capable of it.